

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Schneider et al.
App. No	: 10/549,651
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For	: BRACING ARRANGEMENT WITH OVERLOAD PROTECTION
Examiner	: Gary Wayne Estremsky
Art Unit	: 3677
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 23, 2009, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.